GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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HARASSMENT OF INDIAN WORKERS
HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received regarding harassment of Indian Workers abroad during the last three years;

(b) the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(c) the number of Indian Workers repatriated to India during the above mentioned period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) The number of complaints regarding harassment of Indian Workers abroad received during the last three years, as per information available with the Government, are as follows:

1998 : 8870
1999 : 6583
2000 : 6891

(b) As a standard procedure, as soon as such complaints are received, the concerned Indian diplomatic Missions/Posts abroad take up the matter with the foreign employers/sponsors or their Indian agents. Generally, the grievances are redressed with the cooperation of the employers and concerned foreign government/agencies. In cases of dispute, the matter is sought to be resolved through the labour courts in the foreign country concerned.

(c) The number of Indian workers repatriated to India during the last three years, as per available information, is as follows:

1998 : 17062
1999 : 11152
2000 : 19862